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Montgomery County  
Department of Recreation

Request for Information  
Outdoor Playcourt Surfacing

October 1, 2012

## **I. Introduction**

In the 1990s the Department of Recreation developed an outdoor roller hockey rink at the Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac, MD 20854 as a partnership with an incorporated community advisory committee. Since that time roller blading/roller hockey has greatly diminished in popularity to a point where there is no current use of the facility.

The community advisory committee has suggested a revised partnership to use the facility for adaptive recreational activities focusing on individuals with disabilities. The Department believes that the current facility is in sound physical condition and would only need the addition of a “playing surface” consistent with the proposed activities and the general nature of physical disabilities of any participants.

## **II. Purpose**

The Purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to acquire information regarding “playing surface” material options and determine installation procedures and estimated costs.

The Department will use the information received from this RFI to conduct a preliminary review and evaluation of the community proposal. Subsequently, the Department may issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) or any other option the County has, including other source selection methods to advance this concept. Respondents interested in participating in a possible future RFP or any other option the County has, including other source selection methods are encouraged to respond to this RFI.

### **III. Background and Project**

The Department envisions a range of physical activities including programs such as adaptive soccer, rugby, lacrosse, field hockey, etc – generally what might be described as “field sports” to be played, practiced, & taught both competitively and recreationally in this facility. The playing surface should support these activities for all individuals including those with moderate to severe disabilities. It is anticipated that assistive devices including – cane, crutch, walker, wheelchair, power-scooter, etc may regularly be utilized by participants. In addition, some participants may utilize companions to facilitate their involvement.

The facility currently has a smooth solid finish, hard-surface floor interrupted by minor cracks & small crevasses from age surrounded by typical hockey dasherboards. The surface will require minor patching and a fill/level course in these damaged areas. After these minor repairs, the Department is seeking a product that will allow the type of use described above to accommodate a full range of abilities to play on it. In addition, it must withstand the use of a variety of assistive devices as described and generally be compliant with ADA criteria.

Additionally, the surface material should be weather resistant in an exposed “open-air” setting including impacts from sun, rain, snow/ice, atmospheric contaminants, etc. The materials should be easily maintained by normal means such as blower, broom, hose spray and be repairable by cutting out damage and replacing with standard shelf stock. It is appropriate to assume that the surface will receive very little on-going maintenance over its life. The material should have a reasonable life expectancy, under these described conditions, of 8-10 years minimum. Recycled or recyclable components are preferred.

This informational request asks for a recommendation(s) of a product(s) appropriate to this application including means & methods of installation. This request is for information purposes only in developing the Department’s understanding of possible alternatives to accomplish this program requirement. No solicitation of any kind for proposals, bids, etc are made or implied at this time.

Facility location:

Potomac Community Recreation Center  
11315 Falls Rd.  
Potomac, MD 20854

### **IV. Content of Response**

The following section is formatted to reflect various components of and implementation issues relating to the design and technology necessary to support this potential program. Please respond to the questions, and identify your response by letter. You are also invited to suggest and comment on issues not specifically outlined below to provide additional detail. Accordingly, the areas suggested for comment include:

- a. Suggested/recommended materials – Include 1 square foot of sample product (12" X 12")
- b. Means/methods of installation – include details on the recommended materials involved in installation.
- c. Estimated Cost – within \$1000+/-, provide a general estimate for the associated costs for delivery & installation, of a finished product, to the Potomac, MD location.
- d. Miscellaneous – respondents may provide any other necessary information that assists the Department in understanding their recommendations, as they determine.

Please respond to the items above and in addition please provide the name of your company, its location, a contact person, phone number and email address when replying to this Request For Information (RFI). A response does not bind or obligate the responder or the Department of Recreation or Montgomery County, MD to any agreement of provision or procurement of products referenced.

Information can be forwarded to the contact listed below.

Please respond by October 26 , 2012 to:

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